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Whereas, Born in Zanesville, Ohio, in June 1924, Dr. Russell Blowers became pastor of East 49th Street Christian Church in Indianapolis in 1951, making him the longest-serving minister of one of central Indiana's largest congregations;

Whereas, Dr. Blowers served in London in the Army Air Corps during World War II;

Whereas, After his tour of duty, Dr. Blowers enrolled in Ohio University as a journalism-advertising major;

Whereas, It was during his time at Ohio University that Dr. Blowers met his future wife, Marian, who introduced him to his faith;

Whereas, After graduation from Ohio University, Dr. Blowers received a master's of divinity degree from Christian Theological Seminary and a doctorate of divinity degree from Milligan College;

Whereas, Dr. Blowers became the 19th pastor of the East 49th Street Christian Church in Indianapolis in 1951;

Whereas, Under his guidance, the church grew and prospered, moving first to a larger building across the street and to its current location in 1977;



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Whereas, Dr. Blowers retired in 1996 after serving his congregation for more than four decades;

Whereas, A friend of the Rev. Billy Graham, Dr. Blowers helped bring Rev. Graham to Indianapolis three times and was invited by Rev. Graham to speak in North Carolina; and

Whereas, Although Dr. Blowers often counseled the famous and the powerful, he was totally devoted to his congregation and its spiritual needs: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly expresses its deepest sympathy to the family of Dr. Russell Blowers and its profound gratitude for his life of dedicated service to his church, his congregation, and his state.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to his family.



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